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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Industrial sales in May of 1981 increased 20.9 percent causing a 10.2 percent rise in total sales. Both commercial sales and residential sales continued to drop compared to last year. Commercial sales decreased 0.9 percent and residential sales decreased 6.2 percent.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	May			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31	
	1981	1980	% Change[2]	1981	%Change From Last Period	1980[P]	1981 Forecast[1]
Residential	269.3	287.1	- 6.2	2,888.8	- 3.3	4,853.4	4,764.3
Commercial	144.6	145.9	- 0.9	1,358.6	- 3.3	2,431.8	2,392.1
Industrial	749.8	620.2	+ 20.9	3,559.9	+ 2.1	7,723.4	7,939.6
Other	15.4	16.5	-	144.9	-	309.7	195.7
Total	1,179.1	1,069.7	+ 10.2	7,952.2	- 0.9	15,318.3	15,291.7
Degree Days[P] (A.G.A)	176	145	+ 21.4	2,728	- 3.2		

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

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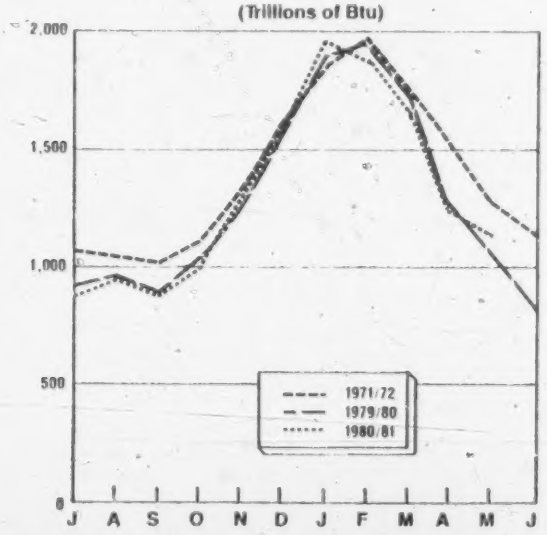
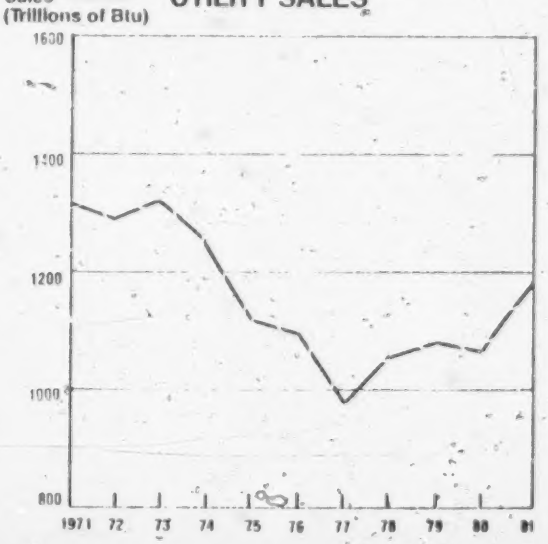
MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

May

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Domestic Range			
Gas	123.4	123.4	+ 0.0
Electric	151.2	159.1	- 5.0
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	46.6	41.3	+ 12.8
Electric	174.1	155.5	+ 12.0
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	105.0	71.2	+ 47.5
Electric	22.5	14.0	+ 60.7
Oil	3.4	2.1	+ 61.9
Boilers			
Gas	7.7	21.0	- 63.3
Electric	0.1	0.2	- 46.4
Oil	3.2	2.3	+ 38.6

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

May

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	109.9	91.7	+ 19.8
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	416.5	364.6	+ 14.2
Electricity	281.9	248.1	+ 13.6
Fuel Oil	720.6	580.4	+ 24.2
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	110.8	100.5	+ 10.2

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980[P]	3.08	3.53	3.30	2.77	2.07

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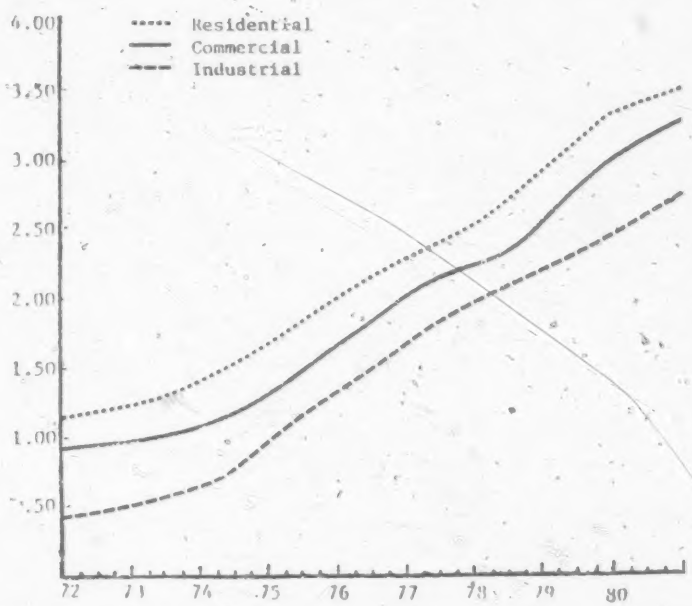

[1]1981 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months of 1981 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.